# OrigiMark

## What Is OrigiMark?

OrigiMark is a digital copyright protection service that creates a cryptographic timestamp for your work — a legally recognized proof that you created it, and when. Available at **origimark.org**.

This guide answers the most common questions about digital copyright protection and walks you through the process of securing your work step by step.

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# Part 1: Frequently Asked Questions

### What does OrigiMark actually protect?

OrigiMark timestamps any digital file — documents, scripts, designs, music, code, photos, and more. The timestamp proves that the exact file existed at a specific point in time, under your authorship. This covers copyright (©) from the moment of creation, and supports trademark prior use claims (™) by establishing a first-use date.

### Does OrigiMark replace copyright registration?

No. Copyright arises automatically at the moment of creation under the Berne Convention (adopted by 180+ countries). OrigiMark strengthens your existing copyright by adding independent, verifiable proof of when you created the work. For trademark registration (®), OrigiMark provides prior use evidence — a key requirement in many jurisdictions.

### How is the timestamp created?

Your file never leaves your device. OrigiMark calculates a SHA-256 fingerprint (hash) of your file in your browser. This hash — not the file itself — is then submitted to two independent verification layers: a DigiCert RFC 3161 Time-Stamp Token (the global industry standard used by courts and notaries) and an OpenTimestamps Bitcoin anchor (a decentralized, vendor-independent backup that cannot be altered).

### What legal standards does OrigiMark meet?

The RFC 3161 Time-Stamp Token meets the requirements of eIDAS Article 41 (EU), is recognized under the Berne Convention, and is accepted as evidence in legal proceedings across the EU, USA, UK, and most common law jurisdictions. The Bitcoin anchor via OpenTimestamps provides vendor-independent corroboration.

### Who can see my content?

Nobody. OrigiMark uses privacy-by-design architecture: only the SHA-256 hash of your file is processed. The hash is a mathematical fingerprint — it cannot be reversed to reconstruct your work. Your content stays on your device at all times.

### What is the Version Chain?

If you revise your work, you can timestamp each new version and link it to the founding certificate. The Version Chain proves the evolution of your work — not just that it existed, but that it developed under your continuous authorship. This is uniquely powerful in disputes over collaborative or derivative works.

### What file types are supported?

All digital file types: DOCX, PDF, TXT (text and manuscripts), SVG, AI, PSD, PNG (graphics and logos), DWG, DXF (architectural plans), MP3, WAV (music), ZIP (code), MP4 (video), EPUB (books). If it has a SHA-256 hash, OrigiMark can timestamp it.

### Can I timestamp an AI-generated work?

Yes. OrigiMark supports AI prompt timestamping — you can timestamp both the prompt and the output, establishing a documented chain of authorship for AI-assisted content. This is increasingly important as legal frameworks around AI authorship develop.

### Can multiple authors share a certificate?

Yes. Multi-party certificates allow a ghostwriter and client, or co-authors, to each receive a certificate recording their specific role and contribution to the same work.

### What happens if I need to prove my copyright in court?

Your OrigiMark certificate includes a QR code that links to a real-time verification page. Any court, lawyer, or institution can verify the timestamp independently — without contacting OrigiMark. The Bitcoin anchor remains verifiable even if OrigiMark ceased to exist. Additionally, the Dispute Module generates a pre-filled letter to an IP attorney with all relevant evidence attached.

### How does OrigiMark compare to © registration offices?

Statutory registration (e.g. US Copyright Office) provides maximum legal remedies in litigation. OrigiMark is not a replacement — it is complementary. OrigiMark is instant (minutes vs. months), private, and globally valid. For most creators, OrigiMark plus statutory registration where needed is the optimal combination.

**What does a certificate cost?**

Founding certificate (v1): €4.90. Subsequent versions of the same work: €1.49/version. Annual Version Pass (unlimited versions, one work): €9.90/year. Pro Pack (founding + 15 versions): €19.90. Free tier: 1 certificate/month (lead generation). Agency whitelabel plans available from €49/month.

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# Part 2: How to Protect Your Work

Follow these steps to timestamp your first work on origimark.org. The process takes under five minutes.

## Step 1 — Prepare Your File

• Save your work in its final or milestone state. Any format is accepted.

• Make sure the filename is descriptive: *my-novel-chapter1-draft3.docx* is better than *document.docx* — it aids identification later.

• If timestamping a logo or design, export the final version (SVG or high-res PNG recommended).

## Step 2 — Go to origimark.org

• Open **origimark.org** in any modern browser. No software installation required.

• Select **New Certificate**.

• Choose your plan or log in to your account.

## Step 3 — Upload Your File (Client-Side Hashing)

• Drag your file into the upload area, or click to browse.

• **Important:** Your file is hashed locally in your browser. It is never uploaded to our servers. Only the SHA-256 fingerprint is transmitted.

• The hash is displayed on screen — you can record it for your records.

## Step 4 — Add Authorship Details

• Enter the title of the work, your name (or pseudonym), and a brief description.

• Optionally: add co-authors with their roles (e.g. ghostwriter, illustrator).

• For AI-assisted works: optionally include the prompt used to generate content.

• Choose whether to add the work to the public registry (opt-in) or keep it private.

## Step 5 — Receive Your Certificate

• OrigiMark submits your hash to DigiCert TSA (RFC 3161) and OpenTimestamps (Bitcoin).

• Processing takes 30–90 seconds.

• You receive: a PDF certificate with a QR verification code, the RFC 3161 .tsr token file, and the Bitcoin transaction ID.

• Download and store all three files in a safe location (cloud backup recommended).

## Step 6 — Timestamp New Versions

• When you revise your work, return to OrigiMark and select **Add Version**.

• Link the new version to your founding certificate to build a Version Chain.

• Each version costs €1.49 (or use the Annual Version Pass for unlimited versions).

• The Version Chain is your strongest evidence of continuous, evolving authorship.

## Step 7 — Verify Your Certificate

• Scan the QR code on your certificate from any device.

• The verification page shows: file hash, timestamp, issuing authority, and Bitcoin anchor.

• No account login required for verification — it is publicly accessible.

• Share the verification link with publishers, clients, or legal counsel as needed.

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# Reference: © vs ™ vs ® — What OrigiMark Covers

| Symbol | Meaning | OrigiMark Coverage |
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| © | Automatic at creation (Berne Convention) | Full — timestamp establishes exact creation date |
| ™ | Unregistered trademark (first-use claim) | Supported — proves first commercial use date |
| ® | Registered trademark (government registration) | Prior use evidence only — funnel to trademark attorney |

**Recommended workflow:** Step 1 — Timestamp at OrigiMark (€4.90, instant). Step 2 — If needed, file for ® registration with a trademark attorney using your OrigiMark certificate as prior use evidence.

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## About OrigiMark

OrigiMark (origimark.org) is a global digital copyright protection platform. Pay-per-use pricing starts at €4.90. Agency whitelabel plans available. Supported by 345 hub, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

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